

concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. CON. RES. 9

Whereas the United States enjoys broadcasting and sound recording industries that are the envy of the world due to the symbiotic relationship that has existed among these industries for many decades;

Whereas, for nearly a century, Congress has rejected repeated calls by the recording industry to impose a performance fee on local radio stations for simply playing music on the radio, as such a fee would upset the mutually beneficial relationship between local radio and the recording industry;

Whereas local radio stations provide free publicity and promotion to the recording industry and performers of music in the form of radio airplay, interviews with performers, introduction of new performers, concert promotions, and publicity that promotes the sale of music, concert tickets, ring tones, music videos, and associated merchandise;

Whereas committees in the Senate and the House of Representatives have previously reported that “the sale of many sound recordings and the careers of many performers have benefitted considerably from airplay and other promotional activities provided by both noncommercial and advertiser-supported, free over-the-air broadcasting”;

Whereas local radio broadcasters provide tens of thousands of hours of essential local news and weather information during times of national emergencies and natural disasters, as well as public affairs programming, sports, and hundreds of millions of dollars worth of time for public service announcements and local fund raising efforts for worthy charitable causes, all of which are jeopardized if local radio stations are forced to divert revenues to pay for a new performance fee;

Whereas there are many thousands of local radio stations that will suffer severe economic hardship if any new performance fee is imposed, as will many other small businesses that play music, including bars, restaurants, retail establishments, sports and other entertainment venues, shopping centers, and transportation facilities; and

Whereas the hardship that would result from a new performance fee would hurt businesses in the United States and ultimately the consumers in the United States who rely on local radio for news, weather, and entertainment, and such a performance fee is not justified when the current system has produced the most prolific and innovative broadcasting, music, and sound recording industries in the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress should not impose any new performance fee, tax, royalty, or other charge—

(1) relating to the public performance of sound recordings on a local radio station for broadcasting sound recordings over the air; or

(2) on any business for the public performance of sound recordings on a local radio station broadcast over the air.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1476. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1460 proposed by Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) to the bill S. 914, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs under those Acts, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1478. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1460 proposed by Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) to the bill S. 914, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1489. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 593, to restrict the imposition by the Secretary of Homeland Security of fines, penalties, duties, or tariffs applicable only to coastwise voyages, or prohibit otherwise qualified non-United States citizens from serving as crew, on specified vessels transporting passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska, to address a Canadian cruise ship ban and the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaskan communities, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SA 1490. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 593, supra; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. 2 . . . WAIVER.

(a) WIFIA DEFINITIONS.—Section 5022 of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3901) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (10) through (15) as paragraphs (11) through (16), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (9) the following:

“(10) RURAL COMMUNITY.—The term ‘rural community’ means a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of not more than 10,000 inhabitants.”.

(b) FEES.—Section 5029(b)(7) of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3908(b)(7)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subparagraph (B)” and inserting “subparagraphs (B) and (C)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) WAIVER.—On request of an eligible entity, the Secretary or the Administrator, as applicable, may waive the application fee for—

“(i) a small community water infrastructure project described in section 5028(a)(2)(B); and

“(ii) a project to be carried out in a rural community.”.

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At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. 2 . . . FLEXIBLE FINANCING.

(a) WIFIA DEFINITIONS.—Section 5022 of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3901) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (10) through (15) as paragraphs (11) through (16), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (9) the following:

“(10) RURAL COMMUNITY.—The term ‘rural community’ means a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of not more than 10,000 inhabitants.”.

(b) TERMS AND LIMITATIONS.—Section 5029(b) of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3908(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(B) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by striking “The amount” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the amount”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) PROJECTS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.—In the case of a project receiving assistance